

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1127

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS; AMENDING CHAPTER 45, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY
2 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-4516, IDAHO CODE, TO DESIGNATE AND DE-
3 CLARE ORYCTODROMEUS AS THE STATE DINOSAUR OF IDAHO AND TO PROVIDE FOR
4 STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND DECLARING AN
5 EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 45, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 67-4516, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 67-4516. STATE DINOSAUR DESIGNATED. The Oryctodromeus is hereby des-
12 ignated and declared to be the state dinosaur of the state of Idaho. Noth-
13 ing in this section shall be construed to give the state authority to use
14 its power of eminent domain to acquire an Oryctodromeus fossil or the land on
15 which an Oryctodromeus fossil is found.

16 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature in
17 enacting this act to recognize Oryctodromeus as the state dinosaur of Idaho.
18 First discovered in 2006, Oryctodromeus, which means "digging runner," was a
19 small, swift herbivore that lived during the Cretaceous Period. In its matu-
20 rity, Oryctodromeus was about seven feet long and weighed approximately sev-
21 entypounds. It is one of the only dinosaurs known to have cared for its young
22 and to have lived in burrows, which provided nesting sites as well as protec-
23 tion from harsh weather and predators. Oryctodromeus fossils may be found in
24 the Wayan Formation in the Caribou Mountains.

25 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
26 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
27 July 1, 2023.